

Application No. 10/683,756
Amendment dated December 14, 2006

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Docket No.: 60742(71250)

REMARKS

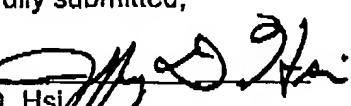
Claims 1-38 are pending in the application. Applicants request entry and consideration of the amendments herein. Amendment is requested merely to expedite prosecution and allowance of the claims as indicated by the Examiner to be free of prior art.

Amendment of any claim herein is not to be construed as acquiescence to any of the rejections/objections set forth in any Office Action, and was done to expedite prosecution of the application. Applicants make these amendments without prejudice to pursuing the original subject matter of this application in a later filed application claiming benefit of the instant application, including without prejudice to any determination of equivalents of the claimed subject matter. Support for these amendments appears throughout the specification and claims as filed. No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. Should any of the claims not be found to be allowable, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number below. Applicants thank the Examiner in advance for this courtesy. The Director is hereby authorized to charge or credit any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 60742(71250).

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